

Labour Market Insight

January 2022



Unemployment – December 2021

Unemployment Data:

- The Unemployment Rate in MK was 4.5% in **December 2021**
 - The number of Claimants in Milton Keynes decreased by 200 to 7,510 individuals between December 2021 and November 2021.
- The Unemployment Rate in Milton Keynes is **higher** than the national (UK) rate of 4.4% and the South East Midlands (SEMLEP) rate of 4.3%

Date	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
December 2020	5,645	6.7	4,305	5.1	9,950	5.9
November 2021	4,340	5.2	3,370	4.0	7,710	4.6
December 2021	4,230	5.0	3,280	3.9	7,510	4.5

Data for the previous month is also subject to revision so figures may differ to those shown in earlier briefing reports

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Area	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Bedford	3,035	5.8	2,240	4.2	5,275	5.0
Central Bedfordshire	2,775	3.1	2,215	2.4	4,990	2.7
Luton	5,585	8.0	3,890	6.0	9,475	7.1
Milton Keynes	4,230	5.0	3,280	3.9	7,510	4.5
North Northamptonshire	4,450	4.2	3,380	3.2	7,835	3.7
West Northamptonshire	5,545	4.4	4,215	3.4	9,760	3.9
South East Midlands	25,620	4.9	19,225	3.6	44,845	4.3
South East	113,770	4.1	83,950	3.0	197,720	3.5
United Kingdom	1,084,845	5.2	763,205	3.6	1,848,050	4.4

Milton Keynes has a **lower** unemployment rate than Bedford and Luton

But **higher** than Central Beds, North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire

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Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Milton Keynes	7,510	4.5
Bletchley East	655	7.1
Bletchley Park	505	5.8
Bletchley West	355	4.2
Bradwell	430	5.5
Broughton	380	3.3
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	340	4.0
Central Milton Keynes	740	6.3
Danesborough & Walton	230	2.9
Loughton & Shenley	265	2.5

Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Monkston	250	2.8
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	155	2.3
Newport Pagnell South	250	3.7
Olney	160	2.5
Shenley Brook End	290	3.1
Stantonbury	500	5.1
Stony Stratford	330	4.9
Tattenhoe	210	2.6
Wolverton	525	5.3
Woughton & Fishermead	940	8.1

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 18/01/2022]

In December 2021, there were **eight** wards within Milton Keynes with unemployment rates above the borough average of 4.5%.

- Levels of unemployment were highest in the wards of Woughton and Fishermead (8.1%), Bletchley East (7.1%) and Central Milton Keynes (6.3%).

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Age	Milton Keynes		SEMLEP	United Kingdom
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Aged 16-17	10	-	-	-
Aged 18 to 21	600	6.7%	5.7%	5.4%
Aged 18 to 24	1,080	6.3%	5.6%	5.3%
Aged 25 to 49	4,705	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%
Aged 50 to 64	1,605	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%
Aged 65+	110	-	-	-

Unemployment rate by age calculated using the latest population estimates (2020)

